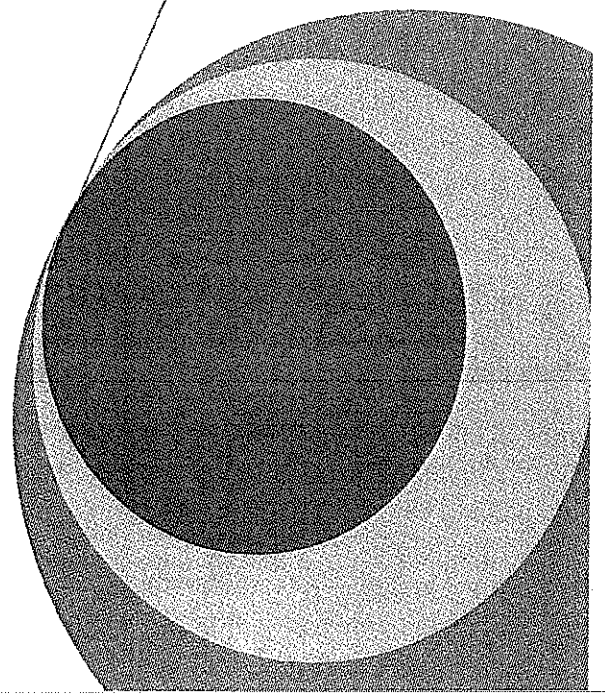
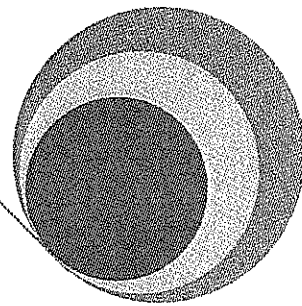
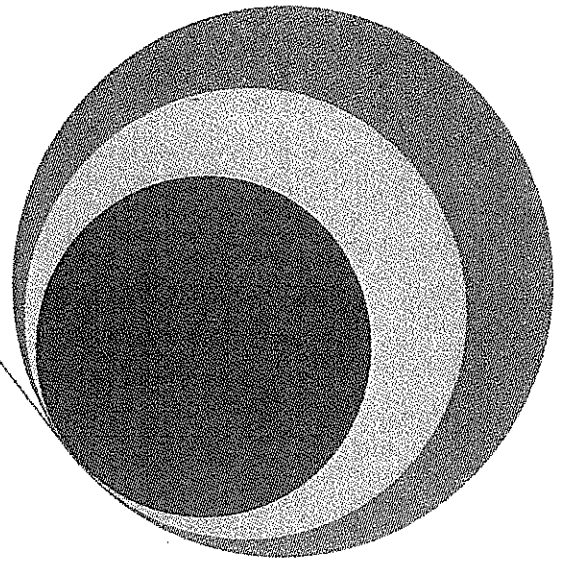


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The 2011 season kicks off on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The competition will be conducted as per details set out below.

**JUNIOR NON COMPETITION – U6 –U9**

The timetable for an In House program is at the discretion of the host club.

The final round of non competition matches will be played on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and it is recommended that U6-U7 programs are completed on the same weekend.

**JUNIOR COMPETITION – U10 TO U12 MIXED, U13 TO U16 BOYS, U12G TO U14G**

1. Junior divisions have been set to 8 teams wherever possible.
  - a. 8 team competitions play 14 competition rounds in the regular season.
  - b. 10 team competitions will play 18 competition rounds in the regular season.
  - c. 6 team competitions will play 15 competition rounds in the regular season.
2. At the completion of the 8 team competition, a 3 round semi final series will take place.
  - a. The top 4 placed teams will play as top 4 semi finals
  - b. The next 4 placed teams will play as pennant semi finals
  - c. The semi finals will take place over the course of three weekends. The top 2 placed teams will advance to the grand final or pennant final.
3. At the completion of the 10 team competition, a single semi final will take place for 8 of the 10 teams in the division.
  - a. The top 4 placed teams will play a top 4 semi final 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. Losers are eliminated, winners to grand final. Teams finishing in positions 9 & 10 in the league do not qualify to play in the semi finals and the season is complete after 18 competition rounds.
4. At the completion of the 6 team competition, the division shall be divided top three and next three. The top 3 shall compete for a place in the grand final and the next 3 shall compete for a place in the pennant final. Each team shall play two games.

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**CATCH UP GAMES & WET WEATHER**

**Easter / Anzac Day**

There will be no games scheduled for the long weekend of April 24 -26<sup>th</sup>. This includes Easter Monday and Anzac Day.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Monday of Queen's birthday weekend is a designated catch up day for rained out games.

Teams affected by regrading after the commencement of competition will have games scheduled on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Games may be scheduled at neutral fields depending on the number of fixtures required to be played. The association will not schedule one game on any field and may consider placing games in a centralised location to assist with referee coverage and supervision.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** – Winter school holidays is a designated catch up day for 6 and 8 team competitions. Juniors participating in a 10 team competition will have a fixture scheduled for this day right from round 1. The day will be used to assist with wet weather catch up games and other postponements that have affected the junior competition. Games may be scheduled by the association at neutral field venues to assist referee coverage and supervision of the grounds.

If further playing days are required to complete league fixtures, the semi final series will be reduced to accommodate the league fixtures. This will alter the semi final format from a round robin to a knockout competition, 1 v 2 winner to final and loser plays winner of 3 v 4 over 2 weekends.

In extreme circumstances, semi finals may be abandoned to allow time for the completion of the regular season league fixtures. In these circumstances, teams may advance to grand finals by virtue of their league position and if circumstances dictate, grand finals will be cancelled in order to give priority to league season.

**SENIOR COMPETITION U16G, U17 /U18 AAM & AAL, O35'S**

1. Senior divisions have been set to 10 teams wherever possible.
  - a. 10 team competitions will play 18 competition rounds in the regular season.
  - b. 6 team competitions will play 15 competition rounds in the regular season.
  - c. 8 team competitions will play 14 competition rounds in the regular season.
2. At the completion of the 8 team competition, a 3 round semi final series will take place.
  - a. The top 4 placed teams will play as top 4 semi finals
  - b. The next 4 placed teams will play a mini round robin.

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- c. The semi finals will take place over the course of three weekends. The top 2 placed teams will advance to the grand final. There are no finals for the bottom 4 teams.
3. At the completion of the 10 team competition, a semi final will take place for the top 4 placed teams.
  - a. The top 4 placed teams will play a top 4 semi final 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. Losers are eliminated; winners to grand final. Teams finishing in positions 5 to 10 in the league do not qualify to play semi finals and the season is complete after 18 competition rounds.
4. At the completion of the 6 team competition, the division shall be divided top and bottom three. The top 3 shall compete in a round robin format for a place in the grand finals. The bottom 3 will participate in a mini round robin but with no final.
5. IMPORTANT NOTE – TEAMS NOT REACHING THE TOP 4 IN AN 8 TEAM DIVISION, OR TOP 3 IN A 6 TEAM COMPETITION WILL HAVE SCHEDULED FIXTURES. THESE ARE COMPULSORY AND USUAL BY-LAWS APPLY RELATING TO FORFEITS.
6. Bottom 3 & 4 fixtures may be scheduled at neutral fields in order to facilitate referee and ground official coverage.

**SENIOR COMPETITION – U17 /U18 COMBINED DIVISIONS**

In 2010, the association ran a successful joint U17/18 competition with three divisions and this year, the grading committee has decided to continue the practice. As playing numbers dwindle in these age groups, the focus of the grading committee was to provide divisions and competition to suit as many teams as possible and based on the numbers, combined with the ability spread, the decision was made to create the competition in the published format. In division one in 2010, two of the top three places were occupied by teams that had originally nominated for U17 and there is no record of any issues relating to player size, strength or ability to compete.

The rules and timing for the matches will be as per Under 18 rules. Therefore all games in the three divisions will last 90 minutes, being two periods of 45 minutes.

Referees fees will be charged at the U18 rate.

COMPETITION	REFEREE	ASST. REF	ASST. REF	REFEREE NIGHT GAME	ASST. REF NIGHT GAME	ASST REF NIGHT GAME
Under 18	\$ 49.00	\$ 24.50	\$ 24.50	\$ 59.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 29.50

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**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

The association will nominate its highest placed D1 U17 team and the highest placed U18 teams to represent the association at champion of champions (subject to by-laws).

Example – If an under 17 teams finishes in first place in division 1 and an under 18 team finishes second, the U17 will be invited to represent their age group and the U18 will represent theirs.

Teams are entitled to register and play players from both age groups in local competition. However, If an under 17 team uses an under 18 player at any point, for any reason during the season, they will not be eligible to represent U17's in champion of champions.

**SENIOR COMPETITION – PREMS P1 & P2**

P1 & P2 competitions will follow the same format as all age men and women, with one minor difference. If a whole round of fixtures is washed out and there is no room in the main competition draw to re-schedule fixtures, there will be no semi final or finals for Prems, as the catch up games will be scheduled on the dates set aside for semis and finals.

The team finishing in first place in P1 shall be nominated as Nepean representatives for Champion of champions (please refer to by-laws for full details).

The teams finishing in 9th and 10th place in D1 will be relegated for 2011 season and replaced by the teams occupying the first two places in the P2 competition. The two teams occupying first and second place in AA1

At the end of the 2010 season may be invited to participate in Prem 2's for 2011. If an invitation is declined, the lowest ranked sides in 2010 P2 may be invited to participate in 2011.

**CATCH UP GAMES & WET WEATHER**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Monday of Queen's birthday weekend is a designated catch up day.

Teams affected by regrading after the start of the competition may have games scheduled on this day.

Games postponed prior to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June may be re-scheduled to this day.

Games may be scheduled at neutral fields depending on the number of fixtures required to be played.

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**July 10th** – winter school holidays is a designated catch up day for 6 and 8 team competitions, not a scheduled day.

If further days are required to complete league fixtures, the semi final series in 6, 8 & team competitions will be reduced to accommodate the league games. This will change the semi final format from a round robin to a knockout competition. 1 v 2 winner to final, loser plays the winner of 3 v 4 over 2 weekends.

In extreme circumstances, semi finals may be abandoned to allow time for the completion of the regular season league fixtures. In these circumstances, teams may advance to grand finals by virtue of their league position and if circumstances dictate, grand finals will be cancelled in order to give priority to league season.

Whenever there are no spare weekends to replay totally washed out rounds, result to be recorded as 0-0.

State cup competitors will play catch up games midweek under floodlights wherever possible, but may be required to play two games in a weekend if there are no midweek spots available.

Midweek is defined as Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. However, the association reserves the right to schedule catch up games on any day of the week.

#### **STATE/ROBERTSON CUP**

Cup games usually cause a postponement to a Nepean district league fixture. Senior catch up games will be scheduled under lights wherever possible. However, some weekends may require double headers to complete the program.

#### **KICK OFF DAYS AND TIMES**

In the Penrith and Blue Mountains area, Saturday starting time will be 8:30 am where required.

In the Hawkesbury area, Saturday starting time will be 9:00 am.

No game will be scheduled to commence after 3:15 pm. (Games may start later due to a backlog at the field in question. This is host club responsibility)

Designated competition days for the league competition are Saturday and Sunday only. Outside of these days must be by mutual agreement of the two clubs and with association approval.

#### **RE-SCHEDULED FIXTURES**

The association will provide all clubs with 7 days notice for all re-arranged fixtures unless the rearrangement is at the request of the participating clubs and they have provided evidence to show agreement.